IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 5, first and second full paragraphs should read as follows:

Further, in general, it is known that when a "MASH" is formed by connecting a plurality of delta sigma circuits, noise characterics is improved in the delta sigma configuration (see, for example, Non-Patent Document 2).

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Patent Document 2: JP-A No. H05-500894

Non-Patent Document 1: The Institute of Electronics,

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J76-C-1, No. 11, pp. 445-452, November 1993, "A High-Speed

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